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RESPONSE

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In response to the action mailed January 31, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a -- The availability process 70 runs on the server 12 and access an availability system 66 of one or more airlines (generally each airline will have its own availability system) by sending availability queries over the network 22 (FIG. 1). The system 10 also includes other availability sources 65 such as an availability predictor based upon a cache or database of stored availability queries 65a, a predictive model of availability 65b and/or a simulation of an availability process 65c or an actual availability process 65d running as a local process to the server process 12. Such systems are described in U.S. Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Providing Availability of Airline Seats," Serial No. 09/431,366 Filed 11/1/1999 by Carl G. Demarcken et al assigned to the assignee of the present invention and incorporated herein by reference.

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